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1. SUMMARY ECONOMIC SPOKESMEN FOR THE PSOE, DURING A DEBATE WITH LIBERAL ECONOMISTS, OUTLINED THEIR GOAL FOR SPAIN WITHIN FIVE OR TEN YEARS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARKET ORIENTED SOCIALIST STATE WITH ALL PRODUCTION UNDERTAKEN BY COMPETING FULLY COLLECTIVIZED ENTERPRISES. STATE ENTERPRISES AND SMALL PRIVATE COMPANIES WOULD ALSO FIND THEIR PLACE. NATIONALIZATION OF THE SPANISH PRIVATE BANK OLIGOPOLY AND WORKER PARTICIPATION IN ECONOMIC UNITS ARE IMMEDIATE GOALS END SUMMARY.

2. A DEBATE BETWEEN ECONOMISTS OF THE SPANISH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (PSOE) AND OF GARRIGUES WALKERS LIBERAL AND F PARTIDO DEMOCRAT (PD) WAS SPONSORED APRIL 14 BY THE CONVERGENCE CLUB (A DISCUSSION GROUP) AND THE MARKETING CLUB IN MADRID ALTHOUGH THE THREE HOURS OF DEBATE AND MEMBER QUESTIONS CONCENTRATED MOST ON HOW AND WHEN TO NATIONALIZED OR TO ESTABLISHED PUBLIC ENTERPRISES, THE PSOE MANAGED TO OUTLINE A COMPREHENSIVE "MARXIST" PLATFORM THE PD INSISTED THAT PUBLIC ENTERPRISE SHOULD BE USED TO DEVELOP INDUSTRIES OR REGIONS OR TO OFFER
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COMPETITION TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, BUT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SHOULD BE THE WORKHORSE OF THE ECONOMY

3. AMONG THE POINTS AND ALLEGATIONS OF THE PSOE REPRESENTATIVES HEADED BY TMP PARTY ECONOMIST KINDERLAN.

THE MOST JUST FORM FOR NATIONAL ECONOMY WOULD
CONSIST PROMOTELY OF WORKER OWNED AND MANAGED
COLLECTIVES OPERATING WITHIN A FRAMEWORK OF MARKETS
AND LAW. THIS IS THE GOAL, POSSIBLY ACHIEVABLE IN FIVE
OR TEN YEARS. OF THE PSOE.

STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES WOULD HAVE A ROLE ALSO, AND
HISTORY ALLEGEDLY SHOWS THAT EVEN IN THE WESTERN WORLD
PUBLIC ENTERPRISE IS ECONOMICALLY MORE EFFICIENT THAN
PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

UNTIL THE ECONOMY CAN BE WIDELY COLLECTIVIZED MEDIUM
SIZE PRIVATE BUSINESS WILL NOT ONLY BE TOLERATED BUT
ENCOURAGED.

ESPECIALLY IN SPAIN, THE BANKS ARE AN ESTABLISHMENT
OLIGOPOLY WORKING AGAINST THE FUNDAMENTAL INTEREST OF
THE PEOPLE. THEY, AND CERTAIN UTILITIES AND OTHER INDUSTRY,
WHILE MARKETS, AND TO A LESSER DEGREE ADVERTISING,
WILL CONTINUE IN THE MATURED SOCIALIST STATE THEY WILL NOT
BE ALLOWED TO LEAD TO EXCESSES OF SOCIALLY LESS USEFUL
PRODUCTION OR ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION.

PSOE FAVORS AN ULTIMATE ECONOMY DOMINATED BY
COMPETING COLLECTIVES. IT BELIEVES THAT
THE FIRST STEP TO THIS GOAL CAN BE EXTENSIVE NATIONALIZATIONS
WITHOUT EXCESSIVE COMPENSATION RATHER THAN
ESTABLISHING COMPETING STATE OR COLLECTIVE ENTERPRISES. THE PSOE
ECONOMIST DID NOT EXPLAIN HOW STATE NATIONALIZED FIRMS MIGHT BECOME
COLLECTIVES

4. AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT OF THE DEBATE WAS THE
FACT THAT ALL PARTIES, PD, THE QUESTIONERS, AND TO A
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LESSER EXTENT THE PSOE FOUND THEMSELVES FREQUENTLY DISCUSSING
AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ANTI MONOPOLY LAWS.
AND THE DEPENDENCE ON MARKET FORCES, THE PRESENCE OF
COLLECTIVES AND COMMUNES IN THE UNITED STATES, THE
APPARENT SATISFACTION OF AMERICAN WORKERS WITH THE
"CAPITALIST SYSTEM", ETC. THERE WERE NO UNFRIENDLY
WORDS FOR THE UNITED STATES, THE PSOE DEFLECTED
EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BE CRITICAL. AT THE SAME TIME THE
PSOE WAS QUICK TO POINT THAT IT HAD NOTHING AGAINST
THE SOVIET ECONOMIC SYSTEM THOUGH THE SOVIET POLITICAL
REGIME WAS NOT A MODEL FOR SPAIN.

5. COMMENT: PSOE ECONOMISTS SPOKE WITH EARNEST FERVOR.
REFERRING FREQUENTLY TO THE PARTY AS A REVOLUTIONARY
MARXIST ONE. THESE REMARKS DIFFER FROM THOSE OF EX PSOE CHIEF ECONOM-
IST BOYER PRIMARILY IN EMPHASIS. BOYER HAD STRESS ABOVE ALL ELSE
THAT WORKER MANAGEMENT OF ENTERPRISES WAS THE SOCIALIST GOAL, WITHOUT
DETAILING HOW AND TO WHAT DEGREE THIS WAS TO BE ACHIEVED AND
WITHOUT SPELLING OUT HOW OWNERSHIP OF THE ENTERPRISES WOULD EVENTUALLY

BE COLLECTIVIZED,STABLER

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